

Franklin Academy
Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey

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Owner: Henry C. Taylor

Date of Erection: 1836

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two with cupola

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimney

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This building was built in 1836 by a stock company. Mr. Austin served as its first principal. It was co-educational and the ladies were under the charge of Miss Emily Hurlburt, who is described in the prospectus as "a young lady who has been educated in one of the most distinguished Academies in Massachusetts, and is eminently qualified to teach all the useful and ornamental branches of Female Education." The building was used as a private school until 1851 when it was turned over to the township and used for fifty-

five years as a public school. After that, it was sold to Henry C. Taylor and is now rented from him by the Middletown Public Library.

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